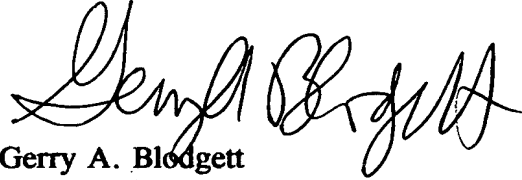


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 8-10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 remain in the case.

The application is believed to be in condition for an Office Action on the merits of claims remaining in the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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